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FARMER'S INSTITUTE  
AT ST. LOUIS

A Farmer's Institute will be held at the Colonial opera house at St. Louis Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6. A general discussion of farming will be one of the features of the institute. Many prominent speakers have been secured to address the institute.

## FARMER'S INSTITUTE

Held at Ithaca Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 26 and 27

The Gratiot County Farmers' Institute was held at Ithaca, Tuesday and Wednesday and a great many attended. The meetings were held at the court house. The institute was one of the largest ever held in the county and was a success throughout. Many fine addresses and lectures were given on agricultural subjects as well as discussions of many things of farm interest.

J. N. McBride, the conductor of the institute, is a resident of Burton and is very well known throughout the state. He delivered a very fine lecture entitled, "Marketing of Farm Produce." This was given from a business standpoint. Mr. McBride made the true statement that thousands of dollars' worth of marketable produce was wasted every year, simply that the farmers were unable to sell it. Thousands of people were suffering from lack of food, substantial food such as the farm products. Many good remedies were given for decreasing this waste.

Prof. H. G. Bell of Chicago is another well known man listed on the program and he delivered some mighty interesting talks on the elements of plant food. His lecture Tuesday afternoon on "Rational Farm Management," was unusually fine.

The officers of the association are: Charles VanDeventer, Ithaca, president; County Farmers' Institute society, J. B. Miller, Ithaca, secretary; County Farmers' Institute society; L. R. Taft, Agricultural college, state superintendent Farmers' institutes; J. N. McBride, Burton, conductor.

The program of the institute follows:

**Tuesday, January 26—Forenoon**  
9:45—Introductory remarks by Charles VanDeventer, president county Farmers' Institute society.  
10:00—"Elements of Plant Food," Prof. H. G. Bell, Chicago.  
11:00—Discussion.  
11:00—"Silos and Silage," J. N. McBride, Burton.  
11:30—Discussion.

**Afternoon**  
1:00—Question Box in charge of Luther Carter.  
Music, Violin duet.  
1:30—"Rational Farm Management," J. N. McBride.  
2:00—Discussion.  
Reading by Claudia Purnell.  
2:30—"Principles Underlying Soil Fertility," Prof. H. G. Bell.  
3:00—Discussion.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27—Forenoon**  
9:45—"Points in Bean Culture," J. N. McBride.  
10:15—Discussion.  
10:45—"Developing a Profitable Dairy," W. F. Taylor, Shelby.  
11:15—Discussion.  
11:45—"Business Meeting of County Institute society, reports, election of officers, etc.

**Afternoon**  
1:00—Question box in charge of George Lake.  
Music, violin quartet.  
1:30—"Marketing of Farm Products," J. N. McBride.  
2:00—Discussion.  
Recitation, Dr. Foust.  
2:30—"Common Sense and Ambition vs. College Education," Jotham Allen.  
3:00—"A B Corn School," O. L. Smith.  
Music, quartet.  
3:30—"Tile Drainage," I. A. Helman.  
4:00—Discussion.

**Women's Congress**  
At Presbyterian church, Tuesday, January 26, 1915, Mrs. Lena VanDeventer, Ithaca, chairman; Mrs. Stockman, Lansing, conductor.

1:15—Opening remarks by Mrs. Lena VanDeventer, chairman.  
Violin solo, Irene Sackett.  
1:45—"Practical Household Science," Mrs. Dora H. Stockman, Lansing.  
2:30—Discussion.  
Recitation, Pearl Jenne.  
Election of officers.  
Music and adjournment.

**Thursday Evening**  
8:00—At M. E. church.  
Music, Male quartet.  
Invocation, Rev. C. L. Beebe.  
Music, Male quartet.  
Address, "Waste in Education," Superintendent Francis G. Blair.  
**Friday Forenoon**  
9:00—Music, Association.  
9:20—Song, "I Wonder," Leora Blair.  
9:30—"Michigan History," Prof. C. S. Larzelere.  
10:10—Dramatization of the Short Story, Miss Lois Wilson.  
10:50—Intermission.  
11:00—"A Decade of History," Prof. C. S. Larzelere.

**Friday Afternoon**  
1:00—Song, Girls' Glee club.  
1:15—"Characteristics of a Good Class," Miss Lois Wilson.  
1:55—"How to Teach the Civil War," Prof. C. S. Larzelere.  
2:40—Intermission.  
2:50—"Number Games and Devices," Miss Lois Wilson.  
3:30—Adjournment.

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Creed Hoyt, the nephew of Dudley Hoyt, has been the guest of the latter for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Montari were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hoyt for a day last week.

Channing Parsons, assistant superintendent of the Republic Motor Truck company, visited the Detroit show last week.

The meeting of the Alma Art club at the home of Mrs. J. M. Fuller Wednesday afternoon, was very well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Withey and Mrs. Charlie Withey of Blanchard have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hoyt for the last week.

## TEACHERS CONVENTION

To Be Held at Ithaca February 11 and 12

The ninety-first semi-annual meeting of the Gratiot County Teachers' association will be held at the High school at Ithaca, Thursday and Friday, February 11 and 12.

The state superintendent of Illinois schools, F. G. Blair, Prof. C. S. Larzelere and Miss Lois Wilson of the Mt. Pleasant Normal school, are to be the instructors.

M. E. Hull of St. Louis is president of the association, G. O. Woodman of Pompeii, Emma Howland, of Bannister, secretary. The local committee consists of Superintendent J. D. LaRue and Com. H. A. Potter.

**PROGRAM**  
9:00—Music by Association.  
9:20—Song, "Kind Winter," Chorus of boys.  
9:35—"The Teacher Out of School," Prof. C. S. Larzelere.  
10:20—Distribution of Enrollment blanks.  
10:30—Intermission.  
10:40—"Frankenstein and Mod Education," Supt. Francis G. Blair.  
11:30—Announcements.

**Thursday Afternoon**  
1:00—Song, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," First grade pupils.  
1:15—"King Cotton," Prof. C. S. Larzelere.  
2:10—Intermission.  
2:25—Music by Association.  
2:40—Secretary's report.  
2:45—"The Public School as a Melting Pot," Supt. F. G. Blair.  
3:35—Announcements.

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## CONTINUOUS SERVICE

Residents of Ithaca Protest Against Present 12-Hour Service

The residents of Ithaca are strongly in favor of securing electric current for twenty-four hours instead of twelve. Sentiment among the citizens for this new project has been aroused and it will probably be only a short time before this it will be adopted.

At the present time current is provided for only twelve hours, and it is impossible to secure power during the day.

Several manufacturing concerns might have been secured by the city if they could have furnished twenty-four hour service. It is well known that some of the plants in the city would use the current if it was provided during the day time, and it would also be used in many of the homes as well.

The present plant is owned by the city, and in order to make the service continuous it would be necessary to install new machinery throughout. The present machinery is in such a condition that it requires practically all day to clean and prepare the equipment for operation the same night. The plant is not large enough at present to accommodate any large amount of machinery.

A public meeting is to be held in the near future to devise plans, to secure funds for the proposed enlargement of the plant.

## M. A. C. RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

The Michigan Agricultural college, realizing that hygiene is rapidly becoming an important phase of rural life has made provisions for teaching this subject in the courses that are to be taught at the Rural Life conferences during the summer. A bulletin from the college explains the summer courses in detail.

The common house fly brings to us the germs that produce typhoid fever, dysentery and other dangerous diseases; from uncooked fruits and vegetables we get dysentery, typhoid fever, cholera and other parasitic diseases; mosquitoes convey to us the germs of malaria; from decomposed meat and fish we get ptomaine poisoning; and from our fellow men we contract a large number of diseases. In the cities there are many agencies combating disease. But what about the country?

## W. C. T. U.

Immigration Measure Provides For Exclusion of Chronic Alcoholics.

The Immigration bill, prescribing a test of literacy for aliens coming into this country, was sent to a conference committee of the House and Senate on January 7th by the House after a vigorous debate over certain amendments written into the measure by the Senate. While registering its disagreement as to certain amendments, it concurred in one that provided for the exclusion of all persons of "constitutional psychopathic inferiority and persons with chronic alcoholism."

**Victories of the Past Month.**  
December 22, 1914, the House of Representatives gave a majority vote for the Hobson resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the sale, manufacture for sale, importation, transportation, etc., of all alcoholic liquors.

December 24, the Federal Court refused to grant an injunction asked for by the opponents of the Arizona constitutional prohibition amendment, preventing the law from going into effect.

December 31, 1914, last appeal against Russia's prohibition edict failed. Councils of Petrograd and Moscow rejected petition to authorize the sale of beer, light wines, etc.

January 1, 1915, the Arizona constitutional prohibition amendment went into effect, closing all saloons, distilleries and breweries in the state.

January 6, French Cabinet approved measure for submission to Parliament making permanent the prohibition of the sale of absinthe and other similar liquors.

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At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the Village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1915;

Present, The Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

William B. Harris and Sarah M. Snook, the above-named Complainants, having filed in said cause a Bill of Complaint against the above named and unnamed Defendants, and which said suit is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to lands described as the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-three and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, all in township twelve north of range two west, Michigan, and the said Bill having been duly verified by said Complainants, and

It is satisfactorily appearing to the court from said verified Bill of Complaint and from affidavits on file in said cause that the said Edward G. Bement does not reside in the state of Michigan, but that he does reside in the city of Windsor, in the Dominion of Canada;

And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the court that diligent search and inquiry have been made to ascertain the present residence and whereabouts of the above named Defendant, Leroy B. Harris, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, and it is not known and cannot be ascertained whether the said Leroy B. Harris is living or dead, or where he may reside, if living, or whether the apparent title, interest, claim or possible right in or to said lands has been by him assigned to any person or persons, or, if dead, whether he has personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some of them may reside, if living, or whether such apparent title, interest, claim or possible right has been disposed of by will, or who were his heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns.

Therefore, on motion of O. G. Tuttle, solicitor for said Complainants, it is ordered that the above named Edward G. Bement, and Leroy B. Harris, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, cause their appearance to be entered in this cause on or before the 10th day of June A. D. 1915, and in case of his or their appearance that he or they cause his or their answer or answers to Complainants' Bill of Complaint to be filed in this cause and a copy or copies thereof to be served on Complainants' solicitor within twenty days after service upon him or them of a copy of said Bill of Complaint and notice of this order, and in default thereof said Bill of Complaint be taken as confessed by said Defendants or so many of them as shall be in default.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the Complainants cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six successive weeks, or that a copy of this order be personally served on each of said Defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed herein for their appearance.

KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

B. L. CASE, Register in Chancery.

This suit is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to lands described in said Bill of Complaint as follows:

The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-three and northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, all in township twelve north of range two west, Michigan.

O. G. TUTTLE, Solicitor for Complainants. Business Address, Ithaca, Michigan. 187017

**ESTATE OF FANNIE SMITH.**  
Order Appointing Time for Hearing Claims—

**STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot:**

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 9th day of January, 1915.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Fannie Smith, deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to probate and Thomas Smith, of Alma, Michigan, appointed administrator thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 10th day of May, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county.

J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

BELLE JENNE, Clerk of Probate. 187014

Notice of Hearing Annual Account—ESTATE OF AMMI W. WRIGHT.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.**

Notice is Hereby Given, That the annual account of the executors of the estate of Ammi W. Wright, deceased, of Gratiot County, Michigan, will be allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the twenty-ninth (29th) day of January next, at ten (10) o'clock a. m. of said day.

Dated, Ithaca, December 30th, A. D. 1914.

J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot.** In the Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot, in Chancery.

Edna Drexler, Complainant, vs. Joseph H. Drexler, Defendant.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1914:

Present—The Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

In this cause it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, is not a resident of this state, but is a resident of Hill City in the State of Minnesota;

On motion of O. G. Tuttle, solicitor for Complainant, it is ordered that the appearance of said defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, be entered in this cause within four months from the date of this order and that in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy thereof served upon the solicitor for complainant within fifteen days after service on him or his solicitor of a copy of said Bill and in default thereof said Bill be taken as confessed by said defendant, Joseph H. Drexler.

And it is further ordered that the Complainant cause a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper published, printed and circulating in said County, and that such publication be commenced within twenty days from the date of this order, and that publication be continued therein once in each week for six successive weeks, or that the said Complainant cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said Defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

Countersigned: R. E. HUGHES, Register in Chancery.

O. G. TUTTLE, Solicitor for Complainant. Business Address, Ithaca, Michigan. 1875

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.**

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 23rd day of December, 1914.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Farrough, deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Will K. Ludwig of Ithaca, Michigan, appointed administrator thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Friday, the 23rd day of April, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county.

A true copy. J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

BELLE JENNE, Clerk of Probate. 186814

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